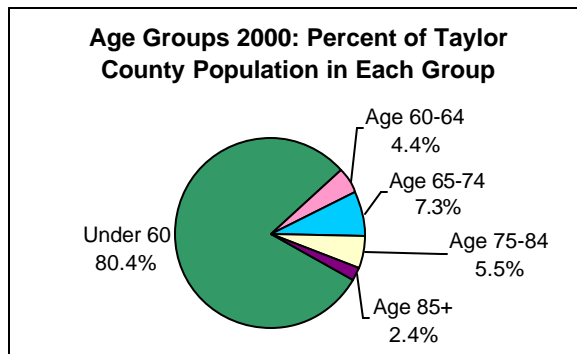

Taylor County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Taylor County is higher than that of the state as a whole (15.2% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (4.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,992 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 467 of these are age 85 or older. Taylor County's average (or median) age is 37.4 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Taylor County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	19,680		18,901		779	4.1%
Persons 60 and over	3,856	19.6%	3,673	19.4%	183	5.0%
Persons 65 and over	2,992	15.2%	2,872	15.2%	120	4.2%
Persons 85 and over	467	2.4%	322	1.7%	145	45.0%



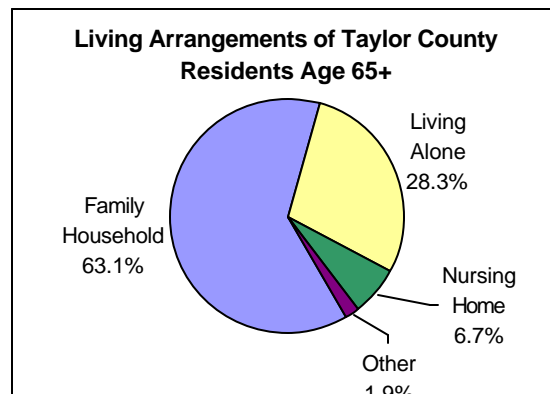
Race:

A large majority (99.7%) of Taylor County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Taylor County African Americans have a median age of 12.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 17.4 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.6 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 7,529 households in Taylor County, 2,035 include at least one person age 65 or older (27.0% of all households). A total of 1,907 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 78.5% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (63.1%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.3% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 5.4% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 200 people age 65 and older live in Taylor County nursing homes (6.7% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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